

While the X-ray system is used as the medical image capturing system in the embodiments above, the preceding description is not limited thereto but can be applied to an MR system or an ultrasonic (US) system, for example.

IN THE CLAIMS:

6. (once amended) The medical image capturing system of claim 3, wherein said billing information relates to a billing charge corresponding to the time required for processing and producing said medical image by said image producing device.

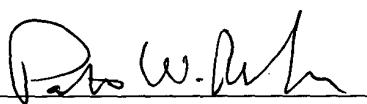
14. (once amended) The method of controlling a medical image capturing system of claim 11, wherein said billing information relates to a billing charge corresponding to the time required for processing and producing said medical image at said image producing step.

**Remarks**

Please enter the foregoing preliminary amendment prior to examination of the present application. Claims 1-14 are now pending in this application. Applicant submits that this Amendment adds no new matter.

Submitted herewith are Marked Up Paragraphs in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1)(iii) and Marked Up Claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

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